

# A Second Day of Infamy

mericans everywhere reacted in shock and horror at the cowardly terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center towers in New York and the Pentagon in

Washington D.C. on September 11, 2001.

The aim of the terrorists in attacking these prominent symbols of our strength and prosperity was clear – to strike



fear into the hearts of the American people and shake their confidence in our principles of tolerance, freedom and democracy. They failed utterly and completely.

Although thousands of our fellow citizens perished in the horrific attacks of September 11, the spirit of the American people was not broken. In fact, the incidents of September 11 have railied the American public and focused their collective will and determination like never



before to see justice done.

And just like the Minutemen of the days when colonial America was struggling for freedom and independence.

today's Citizen Soldiers are playing a vital role in our country's war on terrorism both at home and abroad.

Within days of the President's call to arms following the September 11 attacks men and women of the Illinois Army and Air National Guard began answering the call to duty to help in fighting this war against terrorism.

The citizens of the State of Illinois can be proud of the patriotism, dedication and selfless service of these young men and women in uniform and the role they are playing in this historic national undertaking.

# A full partner in defense

a spart of the U.S. military's Reserve
Component, today's National Guard is a full
partner in U.S. defense strategy around the world. The
Illinois National Guard, both Army and Air, is an active
participant and fully-engaged in the total spectrum of
U.S. military operations.

The Illinois National Guard is an integral part of the military's "total force" and Illinois Guardsmen have been called to duty in virtually every major U.S. military operation around the world in recent years – from the Balkans, to Central and South America, the Persian Gulf and, now, America's war on terrorism in support of operations Noble Eagle at home and Enduring Freedom abroad.

# Leadership



#### ☐ Governor

The Governor is Commander in Chief of the Illinois National Guard when units are not mobilized or under Federal control.



### President

The President is Commander in Chief of the Illinois National Guard units and individuals when they are federally activated.

#### STATE MISSION

Provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies or as otherwise required by state laws



#### FEDERAL MISSION

Maintain properly trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization for war or as otherwise needed

# Illinois National Guard Responds

The terrorist attacks of September 11 and subsequent war on terror illustrate more clearly than ever that our active duty military forces cannot accom-

plish their myriad defense missions without the National Guard and Reserve.

This fact should come as no surprise to the citizens of Illinois, as their friends, neighbors, sons, daughters, husbands and wives in the Illinois Army and Air National Guard have answered the call to state and federal duty in the wake of September 11



Since Sept. 11, 2001

the Illinois Army National Guard has seen nearly 2,000 of its soldiers called up for state and federal missions in support of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom

The Illinois Air National Guard has been no less involved with approximately 450 of its airmen answering the call to duty for various anti-terrorism missions.

Since 9-11, Illinois Air National Guard F-16 fighters have flown combat air patrol (CAP) missions protecting U.S. airspace, while KC-135 tanker aircraft have provided serial refueling support for these missions.



A large portion of the Springfield-based, 183rd Fighter Wing has been called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Security Force personnel at Illinois Air National Guard air wings in Belleville, Peoria and Springfield have seen their personnel activated and sent to various locations



both within the U.S. and overseas to help bolster security at active duty air bases.



In addition, the 66th Infantry Brigade of Decatur was mobilized for duty in U.S. Army Europe under Task Force Santa Fe. The mobilization of some 1,300

soldiers from the Brigade for this mission makes it the largest call-up of the Illinois Army National Guard since the Korean War.

Other missions for the Illinois Army National Guard have included sending Military Police to augment security at major civilian airports around the state. The Illinois Army National Guard also briefly took on the mission of providing security at nuclear facilities throughout Illinois at the Governor's direction.



"The men and women of the Illinois National Guard answer the call to duty on almost a daily basis. They are combat multipliers to the active services and we can all be proud of their dedication to duty."

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